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1. INDOCHINA

PRES FORD DELIVERS SPEECH AT NOTRE DAME TODAY, DESCRIBED

AS MAJOR ADDRESS ON US ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS. SPEECH

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COINCIDES, UPI OBSERVES, WITH NEW WH EFFORTS TO PERSUADE

CONGRESS APPROVE EMERGENCY GKR MIL AID. THERE REPORTEDLY ARE STRONG INDICATIONS ADMIN NOW WILLING SETTLE FOR FAR LESS THAN 222 MILLION DOLS (NYDN).

REPORTING TO PRES AS ONE MEMBER OF CODEL THAT RECENTLY VISITED INDOCHINA, REP MCCLOSKEY PREDICTS CAMBODIA WILL FALL WITHIN MONTHS, AND SVN WITHIN THREE YEARS IF US SUPPORT DECLINES FURTHER. ADDED THAT EVEN WITH US AID CONTINUING, SEEMS LIKELY "TOUGH, RIGIDLY DISCIPLINED" NVN CADRES EVENTUALLY WILL PREVAIL OVER "TYPE OF SEMI-DEMOCRATIC" GOVTS "WE HAVE TRIED TO INSTALL" IN SVN, CAMBODIA. REP RHODES, ON CBS-TV'S "FACE THE NATION" SUNDAY, SAW PROSPECTS EXTREMELY SLIM FOR ADDITIONAL INDOCHINA AID, IN VIEW OF HOUSE DEM CAUCUS 189-49 VOTE LAST WEEK OPPOSING EXTRA FUNDS. SEN BUMPERS, ON NBC-TV'S "MEET THE PRESS" SUNDAY, VOICED DOUBTS CAMBODIA HAS "ANY

STRATEGIC VALUE" TO US, FAVORED DISCONTINUING AID, SAYING: "I DON'T SEE HOW THERE COULD BE A MUCH WORSE BLOODBATH THAN WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW." SEN SYMINGTON, ON ABC-TV'S "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" SUNDAY, ASSERTED US HAS NO COMMITMENTS TO SVN OR CAMBODIA AND NEITHER IS IN ANY WAY ESSENTIAL TO US SECURITY. ADDED THAT AMEMBASSY PP HAS DIRECTED SECRET AIR STRIKES THERE "WITHIN THE LAST YEAR," WHICH ACTION HE TERMED DECEITFUL AND IN VIOLATION OF PARIS ACCORDS (RICH, WP).

NYT'S FINNEY INTERVIEWED MANSFIELD SATURDAY, SEN VOICED DEEP CONCERN OVER "AGONY OF CAMBODIA," IN PERSONAL, POLITICAL SENSE. SAID WE ARE WITNESSING BEGINNING OF END OF ERA, WHICH WILL SEE SHIFT AWAY FROM ASIAN MAINLAND AND CONCENTRATION OF SORTS IN PACIFIC ISLANDS -- MARKING "GEOPOLITICAL TRUISM" THAT US IS NOT ASIAN POWER, BUT PACIFIC POWER. MANSFIELD SAID US SHOULD ATTEMPT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH SIHANOUK TO SETTLE CAMBODIAN WAR, BUT SEEMED TO RULE HIMSELF OUT AS MAN TO MEET PRINCE. FINNEY, HOWEVER, FOUND IN MANSFIELD STATEMENTS HINT THAT IF PRESSED BY PRES, SEN MIGHT VISIT SIHANOUK. CSM'S STROUT SAYS MANSFIELD'S "INJECTION OF HIMSELF" INTO CAMBODIAN PEACE DEBATE IS UNEXPECTED AND HAS ATTRACTED UNCLASSIFIED

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WIDE ATTENTION AMONG COLLEAGUES. BUT CAPITAL'S VIEW IS THAT ONLY EXTREME URGENCY WOULD ATTRACT SUPPORT FOR MANSFIELD-SIHANOUK MEETING, WHICH SEEMS TO FIND LITTLE FAVOR IN ADMIN.

GWERTZMAN (NYT), WITH HAK IN JERUSALEM, REPORTS SECRETARY SEVERAL NIGHTS AGO EN ROUTE TO ASWAN CHATTED WITH NEWSMEN, SEEMED EVEN FASCINATED BY SPECULATION ABOUT

SUCCESSOR. GAINED IMPRESSION HAK PREPARING HIMSELF FOR FACT HIS TIME RUNNING OUT AS SECSTATE. HE APPEARED RELAXED, REACTED MORE CALMLY TO INDOCHINA BAD NEWS THAN MANY WOULD HAVE THOUGHT LIKELY. AT SEVERAL STOPS, DIPLOMATS HAVE ASKED MEMBERS OF KISSINGER PARTY WHETHER HE WILL CUT TRIP SHORT, RETURN TO US BECAUSE OF GKR'S DESPERATE SITUATION. SAYS HAK ACTED SURPRISED AT SUCH QUESTIONS. "WHAT MORE CAN I DO?," HAS BEEN HIS USUAL RESPONSE; "FATE OF CAMBODIA IS IN OTHERS' HANDS."

WP'S GREENWAY NOTES FRANCE IS CLOSING PP EMBASSY ON ONLY TWO DAYS' NOTICE, WITH FRENCH MIL PLANES ARRIVING MAR 17 TO EVACUATE STAFF. FRENCH FLIGHT HAS SPECIAL MEANING FOR CAMBODIANS, SINCE MOST GKR OFFICIALS HAVE EITHER STUDIED IN FRANCE OR ONCE WERE MEMBERS OF FRENCH COLONIAL SERVICE. GOF KNOWN TO BELIEVE ONLY QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE INSURGENTS TAKE POWER, AND EMBASSY CLOSING NOT

SIMPLY TEMPORARY MATTER. POST HAS BEEN DOWNGRADED TO CONSULATE, AND CONSUL WILL BE LEFT BEHIND. BUT NO ONE COULD SAY WHY EMBASSY BEING CLOSED AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE. SOME CAMBODIANS PREDICTING IT MEANS FRENCH MAY SWITCH DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO SIHANOUK GOVT. YET, WHILE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO TAKE FRENCH CITIZENS OUT, MAJORITY WILL PROBABLY STAY, ACCORDING FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCES.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WOOLLACOTT (IN WP) SAYS AS PP EVENTS MOVE INEXORABLY TO CONCLUSION, MANY IN CAPITAL FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES AT HANDS OF INSURGENTS, OR SEE DISMAL FUTURE BEFORE THEM UNDER REGIME THAT WILL INEVITABLY BE PREJUDICED AGAINST THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN. THIS ANXIETY STRONGEST AMONG THOSE OF HIGH RANK AND CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICANS, BUT WEAK OR NON-EXISTENT AMONG ORDINARY PEOPLE; IS COMPOUNDED BY FEAR OF KHMER ROUGE, WHO ARE ALMOST AS MUCH MYSTERY TO MANY CAMBODIANS ON GOVT SIDE AS TO WESTERNERS. PEOPLE SWING FROM EXPECTATION THEY WILL BE WELL-TREATED TO NIGHTMARISH VISIONS OF EXECUTION AND TORTURE. QUOTES SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ THAT BLOODBATH THEORY "60 PERCENT CORRECT." GEN PLANNING LEAVING PP SOON AS PASSPORT READY TO TAKE DIABETES TREATMENT IN PARIS. MOST JUNIOR/MIDDLE-LEVEL GOVT OFFICIALS ARE NOT GREATLY FEARFUL, NOR ABOVE RELISHING WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO SOME OF THEIR SUPERIORS.

WOOLLACOTT REPORTS AMERICANS HAVE CATEGORICALLY SAID THEY WILL NOTEVEN TAKE OUT THEIR EMBASSY EMPLOYEES, WHO MIGHT BE IN DANGER IF INSURGENTS TAKE CAPITAL --

IN FACT, AMERICANS HAVE NO PLANS TO TAKE ANY CAMBODIANS OUT, EXCEPT NO DOUBT MOST SENIOR GOVT/FANK OFFICIALS. SAYS NEITHER EMBASSY NOR DOS SEEMS TO SEE MORAL CONTRADICTION BETWEEN PROPOSING BLOODBATH THEORY AND REFUSING EVACUATE THOSE CAMBODIANS WHO WOULD BE AT GREATEST RISK; AMERICAN LINE IS IT WOULD NOT BE "PRACTICAL."

AP WIEREPHOTO OF LON NOL MAKING INSPECTION TOUR NEAR PP, AS VILLAGER KNEELS IN RESPECT, RECEIVES WIDE PRESS PLAY (CHITRIB, WP, NYT, SUN). CSM HAS LON NOL PHOTO, NOTING FIVE YEARS AGO TUESDAY HE OVERTHREW SIHANOUK GOVT.

CDN'S BEECH, IN HK, SAYS SIHANOUK IS DOING ALL KHMER ROUGE'S TALKING THESE DAYS, BUT AS PRINCE HIMSELF READILY ADMITS, HE IS ONLY FRONT MAN. CONTENDS REAL DECISION-MAKER IS KHIEU SAMPHAN. SAMPHAN'S CHARACTER, BACKGROUND OFFER SOME CLUES TO KIND OF NATIONAL COMMUNISM MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE WILL PREVAIL IN CAMBODIA IF INSURGENTS PREVAIL. RECALLS SIHANOUK PURGED SAMPHAN AND TWO LEFTIST

COLLEAGUES FROM MINISTERIAL POSTS IN 1967.

CBS MAR 17 MORNING RADIO REPORTS SVN AIRFORCE FLYING BOMBING RAIDS IN CAMBODIA. CAMBODIAN COMMAND ANNOUNCED LOSS OF LAST GOVT POSITION ON MEKONG WEST BANK OPPOSITE NEAK LUONG (AP, SUN; GREENWAY). FANK FORCES WHO REPORTEDLY UNCLASSIFIED

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SEIZED KEY TOWN OF TUOL LEAP FRIDAY, WERE APPARENTLY SURROUNDED SATURDAY AND PERHAPS CUT OFF IN TOWN BY SAME TROOPS THEY HAD DRIVEN OFF (NYT'S ANDELMAN; UPI, PHINQ; AP, SUN).

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) IN PP NOTES 7TH DIV, FIGHTING NORTH OF CAPITAL, HAS BEEN UNDER MORE SUSTAINED PRESSURE FROM INSURGENTS OVER PAST FEW MONTHS THAN ANY OTHER. WHEN NEW COMMANDER, BRIG GEN KHY HAK, WAS ASKED ABOUT DIV BY JOURNALISTS, HE WAS CAUTIOUS -- "AND WELL HE MIGHT BE," FOR "HE DOES NOT HAVE MUCH TO WORK WITH." DIV, WHICH SHOULD NUMBER MORE THAN 9,000 AT FULL STRENGTH, NOW DOWN TO LESS THAN 25 PERCENT OF THAT. ABOUT 1,000 HAVE DESERTED IN PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, MANY MORE THAN THAT KILLED, WOUNDED. NOTES THAT, IRONICALLY, WHILE 7TH DIV FIGHTS FOR ITS LIFE, THERE SEEM PLENTY OF DRAFT-AGE YOUTH WALKING ABOUT PP STREETS. MANY ARE STUDENTS, EXEMPT FROM DRAFT; OTHERS ARE "PHANTOM" SOLDIERS, TECHNICALLY IN ARMY BUT WHO SHOW UP ONLY FOR ROLL CALLS AND SHARE PAY WITH COMMANDERS OR AVOID SERVICE; STILL OTHERS ARE SIMPLY YOUTHS WHO PAID BRIBES TO STAY COMPLETELY OUT OF ARMY.

POSSIBILITY OF NVA ONSLAUGHT IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS FORCES GVN TO SHIFT PART OF REGIONAL COMMAND HQ FROM PLEIKU TO NHA TRANG, LEADS AMEMBASSY TO EVACUATE ALMOST ALL AMCITS FROM AREA, ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCES (CSM; NYT-S WEINRAUB). AP PHOTOED CIVILIANS, WOUNDED SOLDIERS BOARDING PLANE FOR EVACUATION FROM PLEIKU (NYDN), VIET BOY CARRYING BROTHER IN FLIGHT FROM PLEIKU (WP), AND ARVN INFANTRYMAN HELPING WOUNDED COMRADE NEAR BAN ME THUOT (SUN). COMMUNIST FORCES ATTACKED GOVT POSITIONS ON PLEIKU OUTSKIRTS ONLY HOURS AFTER SVN HQ AIRLIFTED OUT (UPI WP, NYDN). ARVN STAGED COUNTEROFFENSIVE SUNDAY ALONG CAMBODIAN BORDER 50 MILES W OF SAIGON (CHITRIB, WSJ). FATE OF NINE AMCITS TRAPPED IN BAN ME THUOT REMAINS UNKNOWN; NOT HEARD FROM SINCE WEDNESDAY.

FRANCE'S AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON HAS LODGED PROTEST WITH GVN OVER SLAYING OF AFP REPORTER PAUL LEANDRI FRIDAY BY SVN POLICE; DEMANDED OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF AND SANCTIONS AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE, AND COMPENSATION TO REPORTER'S FAMILY (CHITRIB). LEANDRI SHOT BY

POLICE AFTER HE TRIED LEAVE COMPOUND WHERE HE WAS SUMMONED FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT ONE OF HIS STORIES. AFP, IPI ASSAIL POLICE ACTION; SVN OFFICIALS DESCRIBED AS "WORRIED AND EMBARRASSED" BY INCIDENT (CSM). SAIGON POLICE OFFICIALLY SAY LEANDRI KILLED ACCIDENTALLY BY POLICEMAN AIMING AT CAR'S TIRES (REUTER, NYT). WIDOW PLANS FILING FORMAL MURDER CHARGE (AFP, WP; REUTER, NYT).

HINT IN TRINH LETTER TO KENNEDY OF MIA INFO TRADE FOR END TO MIL AID TO SVN, LEADS NESSEN TO CHARGE NVN WITH BAD FAITH AND APPALLING LACK OF HUMANE FEELING (CSM).

## 2. JAPAN

JOC'S LAWRENCE IN WASHINGTON EXPECTS OIL CONSUMERS "AGREE IN PRINCIPLE" IN IEA IN PARIS THIS WEEK ON IMPORTED OIL FLOOR PRICE. BASES VIEW ON MITSUI CHAIRMAN HASHIMOTO WEEKENED STATEMENT TO WASHINGTON PRESS THAT JAPAN WOULD "COOPERATE" ON PROPOSAL EVEN THOUGH "BEST FOR JAPAN TO BUY OIL AS CHEAPLY AS POSSIBLE." ALSO QUOTES ENDERS SAYING FRIDAY "SAFETY NET" NEGOTIATIONS AMONG OIL IMPORTERS "MAY RUN INTO NEXT MONTH." ADDS ENDERS TOLD US-JAPAN TRADE COUNCIL US AIMS PROMOTE "OUTRIGHT COMPETITION" AMONG EXPORTERS TO BRING PRICE DOWN.

NYT'S HALLORAN IN TOKYO SEES ME ORDERS FOR MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES ROLLING IN, BUT JAPANESE LAG IN WINNING MULTI-MILLION DOL ME DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONTRACTS. SAYS JAPAN LOST TEHERAN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE CONTRACT TO GERMANS, LOST CONTRACT BUILD CEMENT PLANT IN IRAQ TO DANES, AND NEGOTIATIONS "FALTERING" WITH IRAN'S NATL PETROCHEMICAL CORP TO BUILD 2-3 BIL DOL COMPLEX. AS CAUSES, CITES INFLATION THAT MAKES FIRM ESTIMATES DIFFICULT, LACK ME EXPERIENCE.

WSJ'S PEARLSTINE IN TOKYO SAYS CAMERA INVENTORIES ROSE TO RECORD 2.2 MILLION UNITS BY END OF 1974, AS BOTTOM UNCLASSIFIED

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FELL OUT OF EXPORT MARKET LAST FALL. DOMESTIC MARKET ALSO HIT HARD BY NEAR DOUBLING OF STILL CAMERA IMPORTS LAST YEAR, TO 564,000 UNITS, ALMOST TWO-THIRDS FROM US. SAYS KODAK INSTAMATIC ESPECIALLY POPULAR.

### 3. CHINA

PRC ACCUSES SOVIET OF WAGING "SINISTER" ECONOMIC CAMPAIGN TO SQUEEZE US OUT OF WE AND MAKE REGION SOVIET DEPENDENCY. PEOPLE'S DAILY CLAIMS ENERGY

SUPPLIES, OTHER RAW MATERIALS BEING USED AS "BAIT" BY KREMLIN IN CAMPAIGN (UPI, NYDN).

JOC (PEKING) CITES EXPERTS WHO STUDIED FACILITIES FIRST-HAND THAT CHINA WILL PRODUCE 100 MILLION TONS OIL THIS YEAR, TRIPLE OUTPUT BY 1980. EXPERTS BELIEVE LAND AND SHELF DEPOSITS MAY EXCEED KNOWN ME RESERVES; SAY DRILLING BEGUN PAST FEW MONTHS IN SHANTUNG BAY, WITH TEN DANISH-BUILT DOCKS IN USE BY SHANGHAI CREWS WITHOUT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. ADDS WESTERN EXPERTS ESTIMATE CHINA TO DOUBLE OIL EXPORTS THIS YEAR, TO 100 MILLION DOLS LEVEL WHICH WOULD LET CHINA OFFER BETTER PRICE AS DID RECENTLY TO JAPAN.

### 4. KOREA

DONG-A ILBO MANAGING EDITOR RESIGNS TO PROTEST FIRING OF 37 EMPLOYEES (WP).

### 5. AUSTRALIA

NYT (SYDNEY) NOTES GOA APPROVES PLAN TO LET CITICORP BUY 51 PERCENT OF IAC (HOLDINGS). PRESS SAYS GOA REVERSED OWN "BUY BACK THE FARM POLICY" BECAUSE CITIBANK PROVIDED IAC 130 MILLION DOLS IN DEPRESSED ECONOMIC

CLIMATE. IAC SHAREHOLDERS, US FRB MUST ALSO APPROVE.

6. NEW ZEALAND

JOC'S MACAUCHLAN IN AUCKLAND CITES FIN MIN TIZARD CALL  
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FOR "GREATER ADJUSTMENT" OF IMPORT ORDERS, WHICH CUT  
BACK 29.5 PERCENT IN QUARTER ENDING JAN 31. SAYS  
"STEADY NERVED" GNZ HOLDING DOMESTIC ECONOMY RELATIVELY  
STABLE, AND WAITING FOR IMPORTS "NOSEDIVE," BUT STILL  
NO SIGN OF AWAITED INCREASE IN WORLD WOOL, MEAT PRICES.

7. INDONESIA

JOC'S WELS SAYS INDONESIA'S CENTRAL BANK TOLD 300 MAJOR  
WORLD BANKS IT "STANDS BEHIND" ALL OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS  
OF PERTAMINA, AS LATTER REPORTED HAVING DIFFICULTY  
"ROLLING OVER" HEAVY SHORT-TERM BORROWING IN EUROCURRENCIES,  
TO FINANCE MANY NON-PETROLEUM PROJECTS. NOTES RUMORS  
IN LONDON PERTAMINA "WOULD BE FORCED TO DEFAULT," AFTER  
SOME PAYMENTS DELAYED TWO WEEKS OR MORE. ALSO NOTES  
BANKING SOURCES SAY PERTAMINA'S REPAYMENT 40 MILLION  
DOL LOAN TO NATL BANK OF DALLAS "GOOD SIGN."

8. BURMA

GUB OFFICIALS SAY ARMY KILLED TWO REBEL LEADERS,  
CAPTURED FOUR IN NORTHERN JUNGLES SUNDAY (REUTER, WP).  
STATE RADIO IDENTIFIES TWO AS BURMESE CP TOP LEADERS,  
SAYS BOTH KILLED IN PEGU YOMA MOUNTAINS, CENTRAL BURMA.  
OBSERVERS SAY DEATHS COULD MEAN COMPLETE ERADICATION  
OF CP ACTIVITY IN CENTRAL BURMA, AND PROBABLE SHIFT  
IN COMMUNIST ACTIVITY TO BORDER SO LONG AS CHINA  
CONTINUES AID REBELS THERE (AP, SUN).

IN CBS-TV "60-MINUTES" INTERVIEW SUNDAY, REP WOLF SAID  
BURMESE REBELS OFFER SELL US ANNUAL 400 TON OPIUM  
CROP FOR 20 MILLION DOLS, WHICH ONLY "FRACTION" OF  
STREET VALUE OF 2 TO 3 BILLION DOLS. WOLF SAID MET  
SECRETLY IN BANGKOK WITH SHAN REBELS, DURING JANUARY  
FACT-FINDING TOUR. ALSO SAID MET NATIONALIST CHINESE  
GEN.LI, WHO CONTROLS MASSIVE OPIUM CROP IN THAILAND;  
REPORTED LI WILLING GET OUT OF OPIUM TRAFFIC, WOULD  
OFFER TWO OF CHILDREN TO US AS HOSTAGES TO PROVE  
SINCERITY. WOLF SAID WOULD SUBMIT REPORT TO CONGRESS  
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9. GENERAL

WSJ (NY) SAYS ADB TO OFFER 75 MILLION DOLS IN FIVE-YEAR NOTES IN US NEXT MONTH, THROUGH FIRST BOSTON CORP AND KUHN LEOB. NYSE TO LIST. BORROWING TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL FOR SOME OF ADB'S 41 MEMBERS.

JOC'S BOOKER IN LONDON CITES LEADING NORWEGIAN SHIPBROKERS R.S. PLATOU THAT HARDLY DAY PASSES WITHOUT "DEEPENING DEPRESSION" AMONG TANKER OWNERS, BUILDERS; DESPITE RECORD 1974 TONNAGE, 25 MILLION DWT LOST DURING YEAR DUE CANCELLATIONS, NON-EXERCISE OF OPTIONS, BERTH RESERVATIONS. SOURCE SAYS "PROBABLE" VIRTUALLY ALL JAPANESE CONTRACTS FOR DELIVERY AFTER MID-1976 "WILL DISAPPEAR."

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA

GEORGE WILL IN BALTIMORE SUN AND WASH POST SAYS PROPONENTS OF AID TO CAMBODIA HAVE NO PLAUSIBLE CRITERION OF SUCCESS. THERE IS TOO MUCH LOOSE TALK ABOUT AMERICA'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. CRITICIZES PRES FORD'S FUZZY THINKING ON AID. NO OBLIGATION EXISTS AND SUPPLY AID

NOW WILL JUST MEAN OBLIGATION WILL CONTINUE BEYOND THE RAINY SEASON.

EVANS AND NOVAK IN POST (3/15) DISCUSS CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BLOOD BATH IN CAMBODIA IF AID NOT PROVIDED. SAY HANOI NOT PEKING IS MAJOR FOREIGN INFLUENCE ON KHMER ROUGE AND HANOI ALLERGIC TO NEGOTIATING WHEN ITS TROOPS ARE ON TOP. SAY MORE EFFECTIVE US HELP COULD HAVE MADE CAMBODIA ARMY EFFECTIVE FIGHTING FORCE IF CONGRESS HAD PERMITTED.

WASH POST SAYS AMERICAN SENSE NOT AMERICAN WILL BEING TESTED IN CAMBODIA. THE MORE ADMIN SAYS OUR CONSTANCY IS AT ISSUE, THE GREATER EFFECTS OF LOSS WILL BE. CALLS FOR COMPASSIONATE AND

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QUICK END TO WAR NOW WITHOUT ADDITIONAL US AID.

ANTHONY LEWIS IN NYT SAYS BLOODBATH ARGUMENT ORIGINATES



FROM IMPRECISE READING OF REP MCCLOSKEY'S STATEMENTS.  
SAYS ESSENCE OF CONGRESSMAN'S STATEMENT IS TO  
LET PEOPLE LEAVE BEFORE GOVERNMENT FALLS. ADMIN  
SHOULD BE PREPARED ACCEPT JUNE 30 CUTOFF DATE TO  
ACCOMPLISH THIS. CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE EVACUATION OF  
LON NOL AND ASSOCIATES, MAINTENANCE OF FOOD AND MEDICAL  
SUPPLIES AS INCENTIVE FOR RESTRAINT WHEN KHMER ROUGE  
TAKEOVER. ALSO RECOMMENDS INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE  
IN CITY AS SIHANOUK SAYS IS ACCETPTABLE.

CHARLES YOST IN BALT SUN DISCUSSES WORLD-WIDE PROBLEM OF  
US ARMS SALES AND GRANTS. SAYS DESPITE OUR ARMS AID  
TO SVN AND CAMBODIA WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE CONVINCE  
THEIR LEADERS TO FOLLOW POLICIES WE BELIEVE WISE. IF  
WE ARE SOLE SUPPLIER WE SHOULD INSIST ON CLOSER POLICY  
VIEW TO US. IF THIS NOT ACCEPTABLE, WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE  
WIDER SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

LETTER TO EDIT OF NYT BY BARRY KEENAN MT. HOLYOKE PROF  
SAYS STUDY OF FALL OF CHINA HAS LESSONS FOR US RE  
CAMBODIA. SAYS RECOGNITION OF "LEGITIMATE POLITICAL  
BASE OF THE OPPOSITION" RATHER THAN INCOMPETENCE  
OF OUR ALLIES IS CAUSE OF CAMBODIA'S FALL.

11. CHINA

GERALD TANNENBAUM IN BALT SUN DISCUSSES CHINA'S GROWING  
CONCERN OVER ITS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. DESCRIBES  
VISIT TO SHENYANG AND GROWING USE OF ANTI-POLLUTION  
DEVICES THERE AND IN OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CENTERS.  
CHINESE SEE NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN NEED FOR GREATER

PRODUCTIVITY AND NEED TO PROTECT LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT.  
MISTAKES MADE BUT THESE BEING CORRECTED. CITES PLACEMENT  
OF PEKING STEEL PLANT 40 KM OUT OF TOWN. ENDS WITH  
BRIEF MENTION OF STANDARD CHINESE SANITATION DRIVES.  
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